



The County Composite Squadron

January 2007

Caribou, Maine

Wreaths Across America

Capt Wayne Kilcollins, Cadets Kilcollins, Rossignol, McDonald and Swan along with members from all squadrons in Maine made the long trip to Arlington Cemetery in Arlington Virginia to assist with laying wreaths on the graves of our nations veterans.

Remember the fallen;
Honor those who served;
Teach our children the value of freedom.

Wreaths were also placed at the Maine State Veterans Cemetery here in Caribou. Both Officers and cadets took part in the ceremonies, Along with the Maine National Guard and the VFW post 9389.

Photos By Cadet Lt Kilcollins



Task Force 21

The implementation of Task Force 21 is designed to bring the Civil Air Patrol into the 21st century. The goal is to raise our stature as professionals performing critical Federal and State missions. One of the changes is the new names of the Squadrons in the Maine Wing. The County Composite Squadron will now be known as the 33rd Composite Squadron, Maine Wing. The wing will be the main operational unit in the state and the Squadrons are the tactical tools. The Caribou FBO will now be known as the Caribou CAP Air Base. All non-flying squadrons will be known as CAP Air Stations. There are many more changes coming in the near future. Capt Kilcollins will be briefing us as the changes are implemented.

OPSEC Training

Just a reminder that all officers need to complete OPSEC training online at <http://tests.cap.af.mil/opsec/main.cfm>

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Upcoming Events

Winter survival will be Friday Feb 23 and Sat Feb 24 at BANG Base.

The cost will be \$35.00 per person, send checks made payable to MEWING Cadet programs to Wing HQ. The first year class will be taught by Major Day and Lt. Col Higgins will teach the advanced course to all those who have completed the first year course and wish to be challenged.

Airman and possibly Honor Guard Academy will be April 17, 18 and 19th at BANG Base. Airman academy will be free so please send all your new cadets. Lt. Renzullo will be Airman Academy Commander. We will also hold the Wing Color Guard and Drill Team Comp on the 19th. So far I know of one Color Guard and one drill team. I will send more information on Honor Guard Academy at a later date.

Encampment will be July 15-28 at BANG Base, Col T will be encampment Commander and Col. Hayden is working to have some Canadian Cadets attend. We will be hosting the Region Encampment and RCLS this year. Due to changes in how we purchase our food the cost of encampment will be \$175.00.





N9912L Returns to the County

Our Beloved N9912L Returned to the County this past Sunday. Flown back home buy to pilots from Southern Maine. She is a fine looking aircraft and it even has new windows. The attention to detail is great. The Logo on the tail of the new paint schemes now proclaim the aircraft to be from the Civil Air Patrol instead of USAF-AUX. A SAREX is planned for the weekend of 17 Feb 2007 in Portland and I'm sure there will be pilots lined up to fly her. We will have to take her to Concord New Hampshire from Radio reprogramming on 17 March. We now have a fine looking aircraft, Let's all pitch in and take care of 12Lima.

Squadron Leadership School

Bangor: Maj Goetz, Capt Albert, Capt Drake, Lt Burby and Lt Kelle Graduated from the Maine Wing SLS on Sunday 11 Feb. Subjects covered during the 2 day class were Cadet Programs, CAP Operations, Progression in CAP, Effective Communication, Liaison Structure, Aerospace Education, Human Resources, Professional Image and CAP Organization. SLS Director Major Knightly organized a great class. It's good to meet other members from around the state in a classroom environment instead of a SAREX.



Aerospace Education

This year we celebrate the 60 anniversary of the United States Air Force. The Air Force came into being because of the National Security Act of 1947, July 26 to be exact.

USAF FACTS:

- 5 Jan 1949—Capt Charles E. Yeager flew the X-1 and air launched at an altitude of 23,000 feet.
- 15 Jan 1948—Gen Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Vice Chief of Staff USAF, approved the development of satellite components and satellites.

